under Government's consideration a few years back; and

(b) if so, by when this road will be declared as National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, the Government was considering to declare certain State roads including the road in question as National Highways. But this could not be done. The inclusion of this road in National Highway network would now depend on the availability of funds in Eighth Plan which is yet to be finalised.

Connecting Ports with National Highways

2340. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect all important ports with National Highways system; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to connect Vadinar Port (Kandla Terminal-II) with the National Highway system in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) All the existing Major Ports in the country are already on the National Highway network.

(b) No, Sir. Vadinar Port is not a Major Port as yet.

Declaration of National Highways on the Report of National Transport Policy Committee

2341. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India informed some of the States that new National Highways will be declared as per report of National Transport Policy Committee;

(b) if so, whether recently declared National Highways fit in with the NTPC Report; and

(c) what is the reason for not converting the two roads in Gujarat as recommended by NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The new National Highways are declared in the country, keeping in view the following guidelines besides the availability of resources, *inter-se* priorities, recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee (NTPC) and the various proposals furnished by the State Governments including proximity of other National Highways in the area, *viz.*

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adajacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major Ports and important industrial or tourists centres;,

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements ;

(vi) roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) roads which will enable sizeable reduction in travel dis-

tance and achievement of substantial economies thereby.

(b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is having in mind the five State Roads declared as National Highways in February, 1989 in various States. Out of these, four roads were identified by the National Transport Policy Committee for declaration as National Highway.

(c) National Transport Policy Committee recommended three State roads which serve Gujarat State, for declaration as National Highways. One of these roads namely the Beawar-Sirohi-Radhanpur Road, part of which falls in the Gujarat State, has already been included in the National Highway grid. Other two roads identified by the aforesaid committee could not be declared as National Highways on account of constraint of resources and other priority considerations.

Length of National Highways in Gujarat

2342. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total length of National Highways in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that total length as well as proportionate length of National Highways in Gujarat is less in comparision with other States; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to augment the length of National Highways in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The total length of National Highways in Gujarat is 1631 Km. The total length as well as proportionate length of NHs in Gujarat is more compared to some States and less compared to some other States.

(c) In February 1989, the Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Abu-Road-Palanpur-Radhanpur road was included in the National Highway grid, which covers about 140 Kms. in Gujarat State. Further additions in the National Highway grid would depend on the availability of resources in the Eighth Five Year Plan, which is yet to be finalised.

Role of Delhi Traffic Police in Parking of Public Transport Buses

2343. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that so far traffic police in Delhi has failed to control or ensure proper parking of public transport buses even on one traffic stop in the city continously even for one full day; and

(b) whether service of Bombay or Madras Traffic Police would be sought to train Delhi Police who may also be sent on long trainin to Bombay/Madras and other citie in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Demands of Port Workers

2344. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that important demands like enhancement